

dedication and excellence that make the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service one of the crown jewels of the federal government. Since he began forecasting weather for the Air Force in 1970, and over more than three decades with the National Weather Service, Max has helped push forward the science of forecasting to help make our nation a safer place. But just making better forecasts has never been enough for Max, because a forecast does no good if nobody hears it. Mr. Mayfield has also dedicated his career to making sure that his always-improving forecasts get out as quickly as possible to the people who need them. For example, he has worked tirelessly to make more educational opportunities available to emergency managers so that they have the tools they need to interpret and respond to hurricane and severe weather forecasts quickly and intelligently.

There is no doubt in my mind that Max Mayfield's exemplary efforts, and those of his hard-working staff at the National Hurricane Center's Tropical Prediction Center, have helped communities prepare for impending disasters and have saved lives in communities across the country and around the world.

I am not alone in my esteem for Mr. Mayfield. The American Meteorology Society, the National Association of Government Communicators, ABC Television, the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, the National Hurricane Conference, the Department of Commerce, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and President George W. Bush have all presented Max with formal awards for his outstanding achievements and service to his craft and to society. And those are just the formal awards—they do not include the many personal “thank-you’s” that he has received from the very people he has spent his life serving, and from the people whose lives he has helped save.

So I am pleased to express my deepest gratitude to Max Mayfield, and to his endlessly supportive family for sharing him with us for this time. God bless you and the work you have done; I wish you calm weather and smooth sailing in your retirement.

#### MAX MAYFIELD RETIREMENT

### HON. SHERWOOD BOEHLERT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2006*

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding public servant, Mr. Britt “Max” Mayfield, Director of the National Weather Service's National Hurricane Center. Since 2000, Mr. Mayfield has been the face and voice Americans trust for information about hurricane forecasts and warnings. He led the National Hurricane Center tirelessly during a time of many intense hurricanes hitting our highly populated coasts, including the record-breaking 2005 hurricane season that saw 28 named tropical storms.

For each tropical storm or hurricane, Mr. Mayfield and the staff of the National Hurricane Center work around the clock gathering information about the storms and constantly improving the projection of the storm's track. As a storm nears the U.S. coast, they often spend days at a time at the National Hurricane

Center making sure that the public continues to receive vital forecast and warning information, even as their own families and properties may be in the storm's path.

Mr. Mayfield has served our Nation for 34 years, beginning in 1970 as a meteorologist for the Air Force before joining the National Weather Service in 1972. He is internationally recognized for his expertise in forecasting hurricanes. But, Mr. Mayfield also goes above and beyond his responsibility as a hurricane scientist. He dedicates much of his time to educating communities about the risks of hurricanes and making sure that the public understands the information in hurricane forecasts and what they need to do to protect themselves from these dangerous storms. Both his forecasting efforts and community service have been recognized with awards from many prestigious organizations.

I thank Mr. Mayfield for his more than three decades of service to this country and for the countless lives his hurricanes forecasts and warnings have saved. I also thank his family for the sacrifices they made to support him in this demanding job and wish him a long and relaxing retirement.

One final note. My wife, Marianne, contends that Max Mayfield is her favorite federal employee—and that, alas, probably includes me.

#### HONORING DR. EDWARD S. BENTLEY

### HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2006*

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a celebrated colleague of mine in the health profession. Dr. Edward S. Bentley has been selected as the 2006 Physician of the Year by the Santa Barbara County Medical Society. His countless accomplishments truly warrant him the prestige associated with this award.

Dr. Bentley began his medical career at the University of Nevada and the University of Oklahoma Medical School. He then moved to California, where he worked for the University of Southern California Medical Center, serving as Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine and Chief Resident.

In 1986, Dr. Bentley established a private practice in Santa Barbara, specializing in gastroenterology. Over the past 20 years, he has proven to be a tremendous asset to our community. He served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Barbara County Medical Society from 1999–2005 and was president of the organization in 2004. Additionally, Dr. Bentley served as Vice President of the Santa Barbara Select I.P.A., member of the Santa Barbara Consortium on Continuing Medical Education, and delegate for the California Medical Association. He is also a member of the Santa Barbara County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, the American Medical Association and the American Association for the Study of Liver Disease, among numerous other organizations. In addition, Dr. Bentley holds numerous affiliations with many hospitals across Southern California.

Mr. Speaker, clearly I could stand up here all day and list Dr. Bentley's impressive

achievements. He is a truly extraordinary doctor, citizen and esteemed member of the medical community. I am proud to serve as both his representative and colleague in health care. I would like to extend to him my most heartfelt congratulations and sincere wishes for continued success in both his personal and professional endeavors.

#### A TRIBUTE TO DARA MARCOZZI AND MARYELLEN “MIMI” YURKOW

### HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2006*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two courageous New Jersey residents and cancer survivors, who have transformed their personal pain into an opportunity to bring hope to others. Dara Marcozzi and Maryellen Yurkow are inspirations to their communities, and it is my privilege to honor them today.

Dara Marcozzi and Maryellen “Mimi” Yurkow, both ovarian cancer survivors, have worked tirelessly to promote ovarian cancer awareness. They co-founded Teal Magnolias, the south Jersey chapter of the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, to raise funds for ovarian cancer research and to bring together others suffering from the terrible disease—the fifth leading cause of cancer death among women in the United States.

Dara and Mimi are inspirations to us all, and their stories remind us that while we might face difficulties in our own lives, we have the power to overcome. These two remarkable survivors not only overcame their own challenges but now support others in their times of need. Their tireless efforts make our community, and our Nation, a better place.

#### TRIBUTE TO SOUTHEAST POLK HIGH SCHOOL'S FOOTBALL TEAM

### HON. LEONARD L. BOSWELL

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2006*

Mr. BOSWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Southeast Polk High School's football team, which made a run for the Class 4–A Iowa State Football Championship. With an 11–2 record for the season, this football team placed second in the State championship. This was the first time the Rams had ever advanced to the State championship. All of central Iowa is very proud of the team's achievement.

In addition to this achievement, four young men on the team received the First Team All State Honors while the head coach, Denny Muller, was named Coach of the Year in the Central Conference.

As Vince Lombardi once said about teamwork: “The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual.” This great season was undoubtedly the result of tireless dedication by the coaches and the players.

Congratulations go to each member of the team, the coaches, the managers and the cheerleaders for an outstanding football season: